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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) MERCK-2047
<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED OCT 16 2003 TC 1700</p>	In re Application of Dieter LUBDA et al.	
	Application Number 09/446,298	Filed June 12, 2000
	For HOLDING DEVICE FOR MONOLITHIC SORBENTS	
	Group Art Unit 1771	Examiner Victor S. Chang

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

- One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____
 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 950.00
 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____
 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.
 A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
 The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-3402.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record.

attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____.

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October 6, 2003

Date

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John A. Sopp, Reg. No. 33,103

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

*Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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